# **BOWSER OPPORTUNITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PURPOSE**

The Department of Employment Services' Office of Youth Programs is piloting a scholarship named after the Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser. Mayor Bowser recognizes that higher education is vital in achieving one's career goals. Through the Bowser Opportunity Student Scholarship (BOSS), the Office of Youth Programs seeks to support the post-secondary endeavors of participants in the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP).

#### AWARD AMOUNT

For fiscal year 2017, the Bowser Opportunity Student Scholarship will award 25 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 to young adults, ages 18-24 who have successfully completed work experiences in 2017 MBSEP and plan to pursue post-secondary education, military, or occupational skills training. The District's total FY17 investment in this program is \$50,000.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

BOSS Scholars will be selected based on documented interest and application, unmet financial need, participation in 2017 MBSYEP and commitment to serve as MBSYEP ambassadors. The scholarships awardees will be announced at the MBSYEP closeout ceremony on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Eastern Senior High School.

#### PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

BOSS Scholars agree to use the funds specifically for the purpose of college financial assistance, training and equipment cost, or support of post-secondary activities in accordance with the scholarship participation agreement. The agreement must be signed by both parties and the authorized funds used as stipulated.

For more information on the Bowser Opportunity Student Scholarship, please contact the Office of Youth Programs at <a href="https://www.summerjobs.dc.gov">www.summerjobs.dc.gov</a>.

